

child and there's a procedure. And I've passed out that section of statute for you to look at, but it basically will determine and say that since Nebraska is the home state, then the district court in Nebraska is the proper place. We're not doing away with consents, we're just saying which court is going to do it, so the Nebraska district court would give that consent if a child comes under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act and it's a short amendment. I know it just barely puts in there a requirement but it's a very important one if you're trying to do step-parent adoptions and I've talked to Senator Matzke. I hope that he sees fit to accept this amendment. I did have an amendment that is a much more controversial amendment. That's the one that is on Journal page 1368. In an effort not to slow up Senator Matzke's bill or to cause him any problems, I've pulled the controversial part out and this is the consent issue. This is the only one that is left and I've also talked to the people, the agencies involved and I don't believe that there is any great objection to this at all, but there certainly would have been objection to the other part of my amendment. That's the reason for the substitution and I would ask for adoption of the amendment at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the Kristensen amendment, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to commend Senator Kristensen for pinpointing a real procedural problem in adoptions. This doesn't come up too often, but it probably is going to come up more often in the future due to the movement of people and the increase in the number of divorces. I wholeheartedly appreciate and consent to his amendment and urge its adoption. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Kristensen, could I just ask a couple clarification...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: You handed out Section 43-1203 of the statutes and that's what you're dealing with here obviously.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that's the Uniform...

SENATOR BROMM: And your amendment has not been handed out or